

Expert Tells How to Become Queen

Beauty of face and figure, charm, poise, and personality will be the important factors in choosing the new "Miss Torrance" at the Beauty Pageant, to be held at the Civic Auditorium Friday night, July 30.

Tips were revealed this week in a letter from Oscar Meinhardt, who will be chairman of the panel of judges for the event. Meinhardt, one of the nation's leading authorities on beauty and beauty pageants, is executive director of the Miss Universe Beauty Pageant held annually in Long Beach.

Expert To Judge

Barbara Blakeley, beauty consultant to the Miss Universe contest, also will be on hand to help judge the Torrance competition. She will present to the winner a 16-week free course in her modeling and charm

school which is located in Long Beach.

Miss Universe of 1955, to be chosen in Long Beach on July 25, will help Sandra Lea Constance, winner of the "Miss Torrance" title last year, crown the new queen.

Among entertainment during the two-hour long show will be several selections by Anita Aros, young violinist of motion picture, radio, and TV fame.

Age Limits Told

Any Torrance girl between the ages of 15½ and 30 is eligible to compete in the contest, and applications are available at the Torrance Flower Shop, corner of Cravens and Post Aves.

According to Jack Heptig, chairman of the contest, nothing is required of the girls but to exhibit their face, figure, charm, poise, and personality before the panel of judges during the night of the contest.

Competition is sponsored annually by the Torrance Area Youth Bands. Girls and their sponsors who have enrolled to date are Nancy LaDuke, Torrance Optimist Club; Norma Quine, Oscar Maples Ford Agency; Sue Mayers, Verburg Dairy; and Shirley Salzman, Sam Levy Department Store.

WATER NEEDED

To produce 100 bushels of corn five million pounds of water must be available to the soil. Experts estimate a single ear of corn requires not less than two barrels of water.



TRICKY . . . Death-defying stunts like the above will be featured by the 21 man E 1's Motorcycle Corps of Huntington Park during the prologue of the 1954 Fourth of July Fireworks Show, to be presented at the Coliseum by the County Council of the American Legion.

Former Red To Talk To Church Group

Mrs. Helen Wood Birnie, former district organizer for the Communist Party, will be the featured speaker at the All Church Fellowship of the South Bay Baptist Church, 4565 Sharpyne Lane, Wednesday evening, June 30, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Birnie was formerly the district organizer of the Rocky Mountain States and later district organizer of the International Labor Defense in the midwestern states for the Communist Party.

She will be prepared to give straightforward answers to all questions concerning Communism and its menace to Democracy and the Church.

The title of Mrs. Birnie's message will be "America, Look to Calvary and Live."

The gospel crusade being conducted by Lester Rasmussen, evangelist, will be closed this Sunday with a talk on "A Trip to the Potter's House," at the 11 a.m. worship service.

"God's Last Call" will be the topic of the talk at the 7:30 p.m. service. Rasmussen also will speak at the 8:30 p.m. Christian Endeavor meeting, after which the group will attend a sing at the Hawthorne Community Church.

... Hospital

(Continued From Page 1) two-week delay by the Council, the hospital got the go-ahead to proceed with expansion plans whereby wings would be added to the front of the building.

The compromise plan calls for the conformance to setbacks, elimination of wall openings on walls adjacent to neighboring structures if legally possible, and approval of city building department indicating that the conditions were being met.

Rev. P. J. McGuinness, who had led opposition to the proposal, told the Councilmen that he had agreed to the compromise.

SPROUT CENTER

Most of the Brussels sprouts used in the United States are produced on Long Island.

... Parking

(Continued From Page 1) types of parkers and what their individual needs were.

"Sales tax collections in Torrance per person has declined 33 per cent in the past three years," Loranger told the Councilmen.

To combat the declining sales in the downtown area—which is reflected in a low sales tax return to the parking problem be sought immediately.

Called Everybody's Problem

"And there is a problem—it's everybody's problem," he said. The Chamber of Commerce president divided shoppers into three categories: The errand parker, who needs to park his vehicle only for a few seconds; the all-day parker who drives his auto to work; and the clientele parkers, the autoist who drives downtown on a shopping trip, to see the doctor, or do other business in the downtown area.

Isen Wants Meters

Councilman Albert Isen, who opposed the measure actively three years ago, has come to side with the parking meters, he said. Isen says he is convinced now that the meters are the solution to the downtown question.

Councilman Victor Benstead continues to give appearances of opposing the measure.

"I don't think a one-armed bandit stuck up in front of a car to give you two hours parking for a dime will balloon the streets and allow you to park more cars on them," he said during the discussion Tuesday night.

Adoption of the ordinance is still being considered by the Councilmen and will probably be discussed at their next meeting on Tuesday evening, June 29.

LIFTING FORCE

In her daily 8½-mile walk, the average housewife exerts a total weight of 830 tons on her arches.

Report From London

Eden Said Preparing For Duties As Prime Minister

By HOWARD GOYBIE LONDON.—Anthony Eden is England's fair-haired boy. At the present time he can do no wrong and he is generally regarded in most quarters here as the country's one remaining hope of attaining, once more, the leading role in international affairs.

The Eden legend is substantial and glamorous; it has taken many years to build. There are today few middle-aged housewives in Sidcup or few retired politicians in Mayfair who do not take a personal pride in the continuing achievements of the Foreign Secretary.

Eden himself has helped the legend along over the years. He remains every inch the British diplomat—polished, fluent, well-dressed, and aristocratic.

The facts concerning his diplomatic career, however, are not generally known. For the past decade the Foreign Secretary has been living on his reputation as the man who resigned from the government in 1938 because of the appeasement of Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany.

It is generally recognized in most knowledgeable quarters, however, that Mr. Eden resigned at the time because of the insistence of his then under secretary, the present Marquis of Salisbury. It was the latter gentleman who was and remains today unalterably opposed to any form of totalitarian regime.

During the mid-Thirties, the Marquis of Salisbury and Mr. Churchill were the two courageous symbols in the sad story of British diplomacy of the era.

NEWS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

War Out For U.S.—Indochina Not Key—Business Outlook Good—The Years 1954-55-56—

WASHINGTON.—The outlook for the United States becoming involved in a war this year, or even next year, is definitely improved. Events of the last six weeks have brought the country near open intervention in Indochina, but the major crises have been passed without United States involvement.

It is true that on several occasions some members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and even the President, were actively considering a request to Congress for the use of United States servicemen in Indochina. But the wisdom of certain key figures in Washington fortunately stayed the request.

Probably the deciding factor in this close question was the demonstration to the right people—just in time—that the French did not have the support of the people of Indochina themselves. Therefore, had the United States sent its boys into that war, they might have ended up fighting the very people they sought to help.

In short, they might have ended up fighting a war of old style European colonialism. The French came very near drawing United States boys into their battle. But another decisive reason the United States stayed out, in the critical moment, was the conviction of many U. S. officers that French forces were not fighting against the Reds in Indochina as vigorously as they might.

The United States decision to stay out of that war probably means that the Communists will take over large areas of the

country. They have been doing that for seven years already. The conclusion seems to be that the United States will have to set up a barrier against Communism behind the Indochina line. An Asian alliance is the best chance to halt the march of Communism in this area of the world and Western diplomats are already at work on this proposal.

Contrary to what some harkens of doom would have Americans believe, the loss of a large part of Indochina does not alter the world balance of power. The Communists can use Indochina food and minerals, to advantage. If they can use this newly-won territory to launch new aggressive drives against other countries, such as India, Burma, Indonesia, and Thailand, they can make significant use of it.

But if the Western allies rally and form a barrier to seal off further Communist conquests, the loss of a major part of Indochina may have only minor consequences. And the Reds will hesitate a long time before they attack an alliance of democracies, including the United States.

The key question in Republican political circles these days concerns prosperity and the fall elections, plus—of course—the controversial Communist-in-government issue. There is a feeling that if the country is enjoying good times—a business pickup—come November, it will mean GOP victory at the polls.

Most economic forecasters are becoming increasingly optimistic about the future, and thus there is some optimism among Republicans. However, there is concern about the elections among those who think the pickup will not arrive in time to affect the voting trend this year. They say a seasonal summer slump will hold back any economic recovery until the fall months, and that even if the recovery begins in early fall, the trend won't be fully apparent in November.

Business forecasters—by an impressive majority—look for good business years through 1953. They say the recent economic sag has touched bottom and that, were it not summer, things would already be heading upward briskly.

Democrats in the House and Senate, however, are readying the old depression campaign theme for this year's elections. They believe they have an excellent chance to win control of one house, and a very good chance to win both of them. If they accomplish such a feat, it would put the President on a hot seat. He would have to deal with a legislative branch controlled by the opposing party.

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